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[54] **ADMIXTURES FOR REDUCING SLUMP LOSS IN HYDRAULIC CEMENT CONCRETES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

In freshly mixed portland cement concrete, slump loss, which normally occurs during transportation and handling, can be either prevented or considerably reduced by admixing small amounts of styrene-butadiene latices, e.g., 0.01 to 0.15% of latex (on solid basis) by weight of concrete or 0.1 to 1.5% of latex by weight of cement. Thus, by maintaining plasticity of fresh (unhardened) concrete for prolonged periods of time, the small amount of latex admixture can permit transportation of pre-mixed concrete over longer hauling distances, or permit longer handling time for placement, consolidation, and finishing of concrete in formwork.

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